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Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Mgmt.
Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Proposed Yucca Mountain Facility

Dear Mr. Barrett:

The AhaMaKav Cultural Society, which is the Historic and Cultural
Preservation Office of the Fort Mojave Tribe, has received and
reviewed the subject document, Yucca Mountain Preliminary Site
Evaluation, and we have the following comments:

1.) We do not accept the validity of the nearsighted scientific
studies or the flawed Environmental Impact Statement process
your office has attempted to impose upon the people of the State
of Nevada and Indian Tribes upon whose ancestral lands this
project is proposed.

produce this poison should be the desired alternative, with
eventual storage off-planet.

3.) It is an inappropriate proposed activity that disrespects
the cultural resources, plants and animals, and even the earth
itself in an area where great harm was done previously through
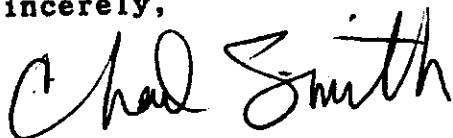nuclear testing.

4.) Indian Tribes must be consulted on a government-to-government
basis, not through the public scoping process. You need to
schedule consultations and negotiations with these governments.

5.) We feel that approval of the project is a foregone conclusion
and the NEPA process is being abused by DOE. The attitude seems
to have been, "This is what we're going to do, now go out and
do studies that o.k. it".

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6.) Transportation of the nuclear wastes through and near Tribal lands by truck and rail is unacceptable to us, and many local and regional governments.

If you have any questions, call us at (928)-768-4475.

Sincerely,

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